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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH DUTCH AMBASSADOR

1. IN COURSE OF MY COURTESY CALL NOV 20 DUTCH AMBASSADOR
JONGEJANS MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST.

2. IN HIS JUDGMENT, ISRAELI PERCEPTION OF ITS INTERNATIONAL
ISOLATION WAS SIMPLISTIC, AND IT WAS POLITICALLY DANGEROUS FOR
ISRAEL TO CONVINCE ITSELF THAT ONLY US AND NETHERLANDS WERE
ITS FRIENDS. AMBASSADOR JONGEJEANS CITED RECENT POLLS SHOW-
ING EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL RANGING FROM A LOW 55 PERCENT
IN FRANCE TO A HIGH 72 PERCENT IN NETHERLANDS. (I HAD
IMPRESSION HIS POINT WAS DUTCH DESIRE NOT TO BE SINGLED OUT
AS ONE OF ISRAEL'S FEW FRIENDS.)

3. AMBASSADOR JONGEJEANS BELIEVED, THAT ARAB OIL BOYCOTT WAS
CAREFULLY PREPARED, THAT RECENT WAR PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO
IMPLEMENT IT, AND THAT GON STATEMENTS OF POLITICAL SUPPORT
FOR ISRAEL ONLY CONSTITUTED AN EXCUSE FOR BOYCOTT OF NETHERLANDS.
ARAB TACTIC HAD BEEN TO SELECT AS TARGET ROTTERDAM SINCE IT WAS
KEY ELEMENT IN EUROPEAN REFINING AND DISTRIBUTING NETWORK
RATHER THAN APPLY BOYCOTT TO ALL EUROPEAN PORTS AT ONCE. ARABS
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KNEW FULL WELL THAT NETHERLANDS WAS INCAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT

RETALIATION.

4. IN LONGER TERM VIEW, ENERGY CRISIS WOULD HAVE STRONG IMPACT ON OVERALL ECONOMIC STRENGTH OF EUROPE. OIL-CONSUMING WEST WOULD HAVE TO DEVELOP NEW DISTRIBUTION PATTERS TO REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON MIDEAST OIL.

5. AMBASSADOR JONGEJEANS BELIEVED THAT GOI WAS IN PROCESS OF RE-ASSESSING ITS POLITICAL STAND TOWARD EUROPE. WHILE IT WOULD NOT RETRACT HARSH STATEMENTS MADE DURING WAR REGARDING LACK OF SUPPORT, IT WOLD EXPRESS UNDERSTANDING FOR EUROPE'S LARGER INTEREST IN MIDDLE EAST, PARTICULARLY OIL. AT SAME TIME, ISRAEL HOPED THAT EUROPEANS WOULD NOT TRY TO ASSUME ACTIVE ROLE IN PEACE CONFERENCE.

6. AMBASSADOR JONGEJEANS SAID THAT GON INTERPRETED UNSC 242 AS CALLING FOR GOI WITHDRAWAL FROM MOST OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WITH MINOR ADUSTEMENT O CREATE SECURE BORDERS. HE PERSONALLY RECOGNIZED THAT UNSC 242 CONTAINED CONTRADICTION IN THAT IT CALLED FOR BOTH WITHDRAWAL AND CREATION OF SECURE BORDERS BUT BELIEVED IT WAS BEST AND ONLY BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION PRESENTLY AVAILABLE.

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